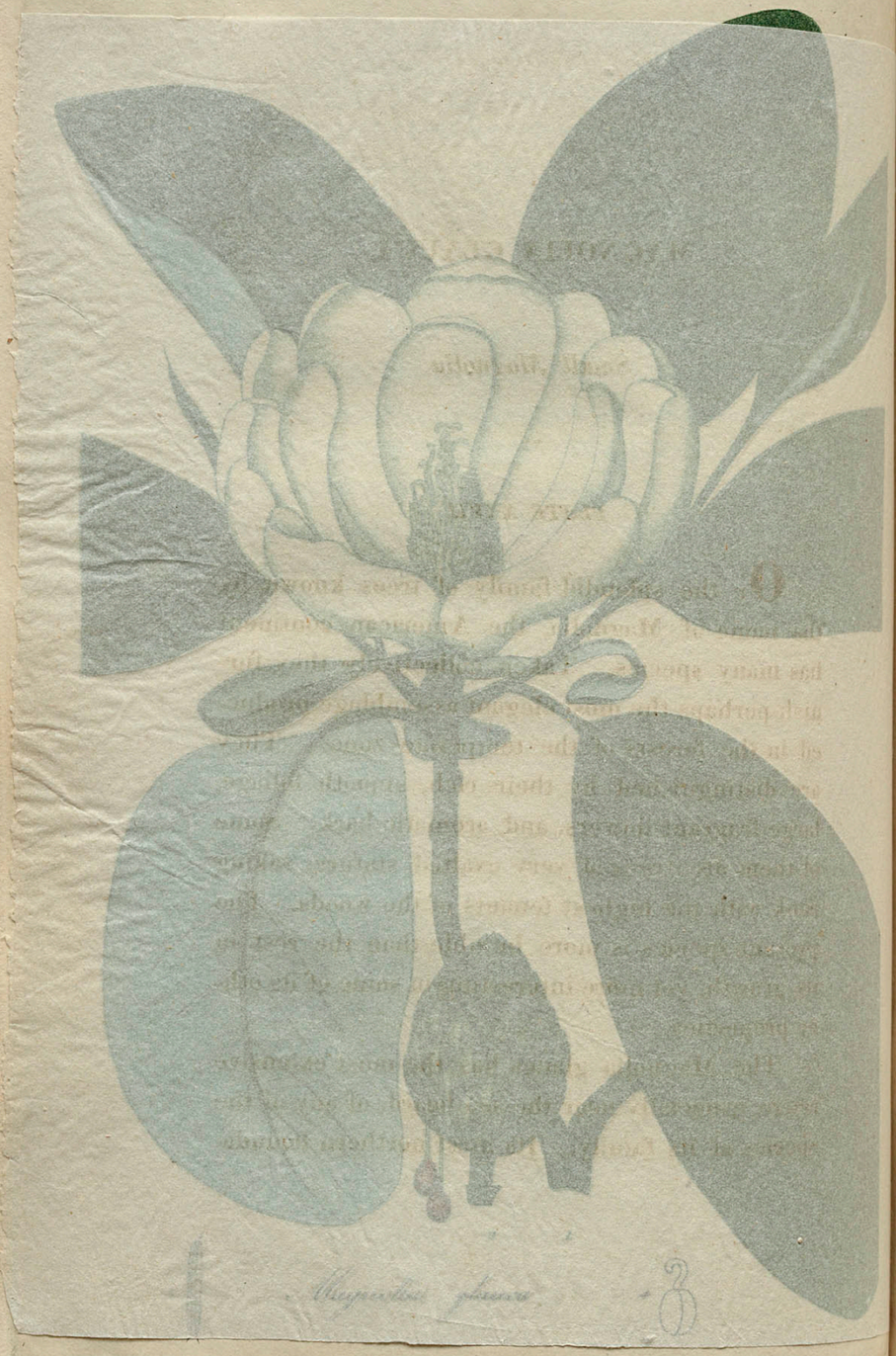

MAGNOLIA GLAUCA.

Small Magnolia.

PLATE XXVII.

Of the splendid family of trees known by the name of Magnolia, the American continent has many species. Taken collectively they furnish perhaps the most elegant assemblage produced in the forests of the temperate zone. They are distinguished by their rich, smooth foliage, large fragrant flowers, and aromatic bark. Some of them are trees of very exalted stature, taking rank with the highest tenants of the woods. The present species is more humble than the rest in its growth, yet more interesting in some of its other properties.

The Magnolia glauca has the most extensive range, especially near the sea board, of any of the species of its family. Its most northern bounda-